

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-15 and 17-30 are now pending in the application. Claims 4 and 16 have been cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Crider et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,193,483). Claims 2, 3, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crider et al. Claims 8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crider et al. These rejections are respectfully rendered moot.

As discussed below, Applicants have amended each of the rejected independent claims to include the language of a claim that has been indicated to be allowable if put into independent form. Accordingly, Applicants believe each of independent Claims 1 and 11 are now allowable as indicated by the Examiner. Each of the remaining rejected claims depend from one of these independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants believe all of the currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 21-30 are allowed. In addition, the Examiner states that Claims 4-6, 9, 14-16 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to include the language of Claim 4 and have amended independent Claim 11 to include the language of Claim 16. Accordingly, Applicants believe all currently pending claims are allowable.

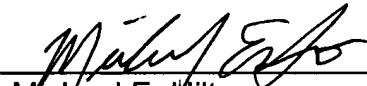
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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